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an airfield  
 near Zabna (Zaben - N 49-43, E 18-18), 15 kilometers south of Ostrava.  
 The field is described as 2,200 meters long and 1,200 meters wide and used for  
 fighter pilot training.

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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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Location:

ZABNA is located about 15 kilometers south of MORAVSKA OSTRAVA, along the railroad line leading from MORAVSKA OSTRAVA to FRYDEK-MISTEK.

Specific Location

The airfield is located about 15 kilometers south of MORAVSKA OSTRAVA, east of ZABNA Obec, between ZABNA Obec and the OSTRAVICE River, north of SVIADNOV Obec. The field lies in a northwest -southeast direction, is 2,200 meters long and  1,200 meters wide.

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A. Aircraft and Aircraft Activity

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1. Second half of May:  two  planes, Type P0-2,

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4-seaters, closed cabin, single engine, Czechoslovak manufacture; [redacted]

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[redacted] these aircraft are manufactured in Czechoslovakia

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on Soviet license. [redacted] one open PO-2 training plane of Soviet

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manufacture. Seven twin-engined AERO monoplanes, with underslung wings,

partially of Soviet manufacture and partially of Czechoslovak manufacture,

property of the 2nd or 3rd Company. [redacted] 32 jet aircraft MIG-16,

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of Czechoslovak manufacture. About 21 AERO and IL-2 aircraft were parked

in the aircraft dispersal area, in flights of three.

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3. [redacted] Training Flights: Duration about 3 minutes,

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circuits and bumps. Other flights of 20-30 minutes duration [redacted]

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4. Fighter pilot training conducted in flights of three aircraft, headed by the leader with a wing man on either side. In formation flying, a "V", as illustrated [see original enclosure].

During reconnaissance flights, the reconnaissance aircraft fly in single file under fighter cover.

5. No flying took place at night.

6. [redacted]

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[redacted] no flying was performed in inclement weather.

7. Where several aircraft are scheduled to take off, the lead aircraft is followed by the next, only after reaching a height of from 80 to 100 meters.

8. [redacted] no aircraft not stationed on the field landed there.

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9. During training flights, the aircraft fly short circuits in order to practice landings and take-offs. After every 3rd and 4th circuit the crew <sup>was</sup> changed. One crew flew for about 9-12 minutes at a time.

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12. The airfield was and is only used for military purposes.

B. Antiaircraft Artillery and Installations

No antiaircraft artillery emplacements [redacted] either on the airfield or in its vicinity.

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C. Radar

1. At the center of the south flank of the field, east of Hangar No 11 [as indicated on attached sketch].

About 100 meters east of the center of the north flank of the field, [see items 13 on sketch], two buildings with radar installations and GONIOs (Direction finders). [redacted]

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[redacted] the building along the south flank of the field houses a radar station. A revolving "Dish" antenna is mounted on the roof of subject building and is described in detail in sketch No 2, [redacted]

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[redacted] A ladder-type antenna is mounted on the roof of the building along the north flank of the field, (see attached sketch No III) [redacted]

[redacted] numerous officers and men entering and leaving the above buildings repeatedly. Both of the above buildings were well frequented by all kinds of personnel. [redacted]

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No Soviet personnel [redacted] at the above locations. The antenna was not in motion, neither were any aircraft in flight nearby.

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D. Buildings and Runways

1. The airfield has 15 buildings.

Aircraft control building (Item 1 on sketch): complete with radio transmitter, two-story structure, southern part of west flank, 25 x 40 meters;

Quarters for personnel (Item 2 on sketch): southern part of west flank, three-story building, 25 x 80 meters;

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Quarters for personnel (Item 3 on sketch): southern part of west flank, three-story building, 25 x 80 meters;

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Officer quarters (Item 4 of sketch): west flank, two-story building, 15-x 40 meters;

Officer quarters (Item 5 on sketch): west flank, two-story building, 15 x 40 meters;

Non-commissioned officer quarters (Item 6 on sketch): west flank, two-story building, 15 x 40 meters;

Vehicle garages (Item 7 on sketch): west corner of field, ground-floor structure, 30 x 30 meters;

Supply warehouse (Item 9 on sketch): south flank, groundfloor structure;

Hangar and assembly shop (Item 10 on sketch): south flank, 100 x 180 meters;

Hangar (Item 11 on sketch): south flank center, 100 x 150 meters;

Meteorological station (Item 14 on sketch): west flank, north of officer quarters;

Transformer station (Item 15 on sketch): west flank, south of approach road, power supplied by the city of MORAVSKA OSTRAVA;

Guard house (Item 18 on sketch); west flank, northern part, walls and roof painted green to blend in with terrain.

2. No

3. No

4. Yes.

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5. No

6. One runway, running from north to south.

7. The runway is 1,800 meters long, 60 meters wide and <sup>is</sup> made of concrete.

8. No

9. The airfield houses two unusually large hangars, both along the southern flank. One of the hangars (Item 10 on sketch) measures 100 x 180 meters, with an attached workshop; the other hangar (Item 11 on sketch) measures 100 x 150 meters.

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E. Radio and Illumination

1. A radio station is contained in the Aircraft control building (Item 1 on sketch) and a 5-meter high rod antenna is mounted on top of the roof of that building.
2. The edges of the runway are illuminated through countersunk lights, spaced about 100 meters apart. The lights are white.
3. The northeast corner of the field is marked by a red light, mounted in a concrete post (Item 19 on sketch). This light blinks at night, in the event that flying should be prohibited.

F. Fuel and Ammunition

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1. A twin fuel pump station for aircraft is located along the south flank (Item 12 on sketch). A fuel pump station for motor vehicles (Item 8 on sketch) is located north of the garages (Item 7 on sketch). A large iron cistern is buried in the ground under each of the above fuel pump stations. This tank is periodically refilled by tank trucks from the large fuel depot located outside of the airfield (Item 16 on sketch)

2. The central motor fuel depot is located west of the field, in a small forest (Item 16 on sketch).

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3. No.

4. Northwest of the field, in the forest (Item 17 on sketch), buried in a rise of the earth.

that the installation is guarded and the guard is changed daily.

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G. Troops

1. The buildings on the airfield house 1,200 men.

2. Shoulder boards are blue and bear no numbers.

3. Names of officers:

a. TWRZNIK, Vaclav, Air Force Captain, commander of the work shops unit;

b. DLASKE, (fnu), Lt, company commander;

c. BOLIK, (fnu), Lt, company commander;

d. NAKEL, Hanus, Air Force Major, commander of the fighter section.

4. Soldiers are granted leave passes and passes for going off the

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post in the evening, and may remain absent from the post, after the close of business, until 1900 hours.

5. Partially devoted to training and partially to housing fighter aircraft units.

6. No

#### H. Railroad Connections and Transport

1. No.

2. No

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8. No

9. Supplies are brought in by truck; POL by tank truck.

#### I. Vehicles

1. [redacted] 5 "Tatra" automobiles, 5 fuel tank trucks, 8 1.5-to 3-ton "Skoda" trucks, 3 "Tatra" ambulances, <sup>and</sup> 4 "Tatra" trailer trucks (Zuge?).

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3. The airfield operates 3 fuel tank trucks [sic].

4. The fuel tank on the tank truck is cylindrical in shape and has an opening in the center of the top side. Each tank truck is manned by a driver and a helper.

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#### J. Guard Posts and Fences

1. The airfield is guarded by ground troop units. Five sentry boxes are located on the field (Item 18 on sketch).

2. The airfield has wire fencing as follows:

Along the southern third of the west flank;

Along the southern flank, to within 300 meters of the southwest corner. In other words, wherever buildings are located. The rest of the field is not fenced in.

3. No. The only

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3. 'No. The only prohibited area is the area of the airfield.

Key to Sketch

1. Aircraft ~~Control~~ Building and radio station
2. Barracks
3. Barracks
4. Officer quarters
5. Officer quarters
6. Non-commissioned officer quarters
7. Vehicle garages
8. Motor fuel station for vehicles
9. Supply warehouse
10. Hangar and assembly shop
11. Hangar
12. Motor fuel station for aircraft
13. Direction finders (GONIO) and radar stations
14. Meteorological station
15. Transformer station
16. Central motor fuel depot
17. Ammunition depot
18. Sentry boxes
19. Blinker light
20. Concrete runway
21. Concrete aircraft dispersal area
22. Electric power cables

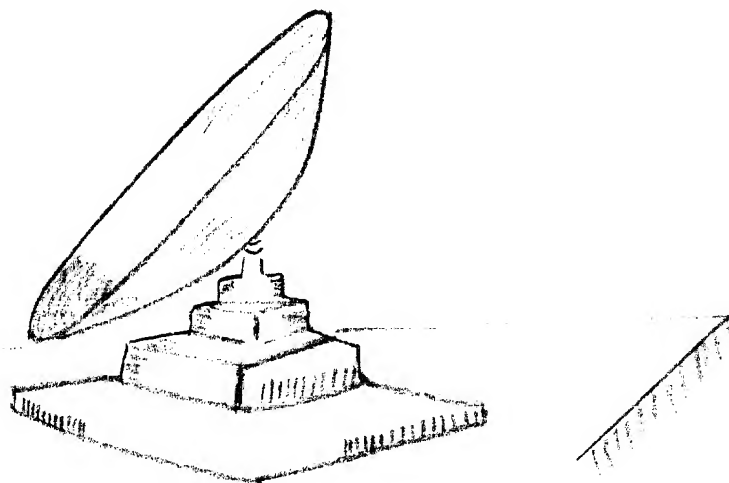
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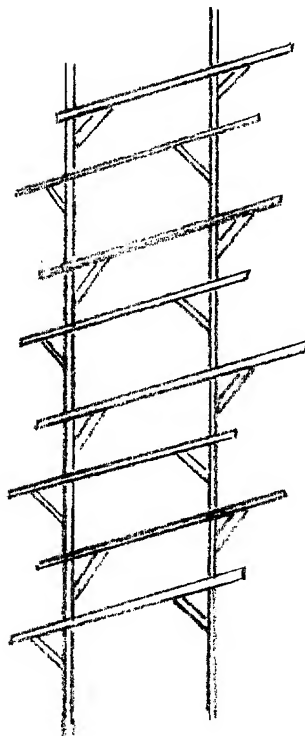
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